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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5, 8 and 9 are pending. Claims 2-4, 7 and 8 have been cancelled without intending to abandon or to dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter. As set forth more fully below, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Boswell and Hamrick. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to contain the limitations of Claims 2, 3 and 4 noted to be allowable by the Examiner and canceled Claims 2-4. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Boswell and Hamrick. Applicants have cancelled Claims 3, 6 and 7 and rewritten Claim 8 in independent form to include the limitations of Claims 1, 6 and 7.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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